

has been a general letting down in hitting. Frank Schulte may be excepted from this general remark. But the other fellows have fallen off badly.

Bresnahan has slithered down badly. Saier is under .250. Leach is going fairly well. Good has taken the most dismal tumble of all. Corriden seems unable to get started, and Sweeney is away below where he should be. Zimmerman is batting in streaks.

All of these athletes are good batters, with the possible exception of Corriden. It is only a question of time when they will again focus their eyes on the pill and bust hits far and wide.

Saier doesn't belong under .280 at the most conservative estimate, and neither does Sweeney. Bresnahan has a bad thumb that makes it almost impossible for him to properly grip a bat, and this affects his hitting.

With Archer out of the fray, there is no chance for Roger to get a vacation to allow his injured member to heal properly.

Four and a half games is not a bad handicap, considering the ability of the Giants this season. McGraw is not bossing a powerful crew, taking all departments into consideration.

Robertson, a new outfielder, has added some ginger to the Giant onslaught, but the veteran players are slipping off. They believe they can let the other fellows get ahead, then go out and whale in the runs. They do not realize that they are weaker than last year.

Three more games are yet to be played against the Giants, and a sweep for the Cubs will only leave them a game and a half behind the New Yorkers. An even break on the four games will still leave the margin three games and a half.

Derrick, the shortstop secured from Cincinnati in trade for Fred Mollwitz, is the man of mystery. He had not reported this morning, though

Mollwitz played in a Cincinnati uniform yesterday. There were rumors from Baltimore that Derrick was in bad health, but President Thomas undoubtedly satisfied himself of the new man's condition, and would not have picked him up if there was anything wrong.

Now we have a condition where ultimate success for the Cubs practically hinges on the ability of an athlete who has been tried in the big show and found wanting. If Derrick can play at the gait he set in Baltimore he will make the local team a pennant contender of the first water.

If he shows no more than he did when with the Athletics and Yankees in the American League, he will be valueless. He can't hurt us, and he may be the turning point.

Cheney failed against the Giants in the first game. Fletcher busted the affair with a homer, double and single. Zabel rescued in excellent style.

Tesreau is out of the way, and he has always been a big obstacle to Cub success. He is McGraw's best bet at present, and the Giant leader undoubtedly figured on getting the first game for the moral effect. The rest of the staff should be easier for the locals.

That right field wall at the Federal League park is a favorite spot for long hitters now. A few of them still manage to loft the pill over the left fence, but it takes too stout a wallop for the majority of the athletes in the third circuit.

The frequency with which balls are knocked over the fence on the North Side has led to the belief that the distance from the plate to the boundary of the right side of the park is much shorter than on the West Side.

In reality, there is little difference. The Cub park is made to look deeper by the distance from the plate to center field, which is much greater than on the North Side.

The majority of the home runs that clear the right barrier would undoubt-